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MEETING MINUTES¹

Meeting Date: August 17, 2000
Meeting Time: 10:00 A.M.
Meeting Place: State House, 200 W. Washington St.,
Room 125
Meeting City: Indianapolis, Indiana
Meeting Number: 1

Members Present: Rep. Charlie Brown, Chair; Rep. Jeffrey Linder; Sen. Patricia Miller; Sen. James Lewis;

Members Absent: None.

Rep. Brown called the meeting to order at 10:05 A.M. He asked each member of the Subcommittee to introduce themselves.

Recommendation for Study in 2001

Rep. Brown stated that the Subcommittee had received four responses to the request sent to all legislators for issues to be considered for study. Jim Mundt, staff for the Subcommittee, reported that IC 2-5-21-10 calls for public safety matters to be studied in 2001. Mr. Mundt also pointed out that the statute does not require that public safety matters be studied and that the Subcommittee has wide discretion in the recommendation it makes to the Legislative Council. He stated that the last time public safety matters were studied was in 1983, and the report dealt with the Indiana State Police and State Fire Marshal.

Rep. Ralph M. Foley, by letter dated June 13, 2000, suggested that a study of the Indiana State Police be conducted. He suggested a number of issues, including: defining the mission of the Indiana State Police; examining the role of the State Police as primarily that of highway patrol; examining the detective function at the State Police level in comparison to that of local Sheriff and Police Departments; and considering the role of the State Police and security for the casino industry.

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Rep. Foley also suggested that the issue of merging small community Fire and Police Departments be considered.

The Subcommittee discussed these suggestions and the fact that they would be consistent with the statutory scheduled study for 2001. Upon a motion by Sen. Miller and second by Sen. Lewis, the Subcommittee voted unanimously to recommend to the Legislative Council that an audit of the Indiana State Police and the State Fire Marshal be conducted by the Legislative Services Agency for use by the Public Service Matters Evaluation Committee in 2001. The report would be due on July 1, 2001.

Action Related to Other Suggested Topics

Another portion of Rep. Foley's letter related to the Department of Correction. Rep. Brown told the Subcommittee that this item and one suggested by Rep. Michael A. Dvorak concerning control unit prisons had been referred to the existing Corrections Matters Evaluation Committee. Rep. Brown requested, and received, approval by consent from the Subcommittee for these referrals.

A suggestion from Rep. Vaneta G. Becker to study Alzheimer and Senile Dementia patients was discussed. Rep. Brown suggested that this item could be considered by the Health Finance Commission. The Subcommittee, by consent, agreed to refer this issue to that Commission.

A suggestion from Rep. Earl L. Harris to study the possible negative impacts of high property taxes in Lake County was discussed. Sen. Miller suggested that this item could be considered by the Commission of State Tax and Financing Policy. The Subcommittee, by consent, agreed to refer this issue to that Commission.

Sen. Miller suggested that the issue concerning the continuation of the programs and structure of the Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA) be considered by the Subcommittee in the future.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:25 A.M.